

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3968**

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TO: The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Healthy South Carolinians 2010 Act

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:  
See Below

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:  
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3968 amends Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-1-285 and Section 44-6-225 relating to the Healthy South Carolinians 2010 Act. Section 44-1-285 requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control to establish specified health-related goals and objectives; collect data; monitor the state's progress; develop programs to educate health care workers about ethnic differences that impact on health care; promote public and private partnerships; promote research designed to reduce health disparities; encourage local minority students to pursue careers in health care and report annually to the General Assembly. Section 44-6-225 requires the Department of Health & Human Services to contract with established minority physician networks to provide cost-effective Medicaid services.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that an additional FTE is needed to develop, coordinate, promote and monitor progress in public and private partnerships, research methodologies, education and health care. The cost of a Program Coordinator is estimated at \$48,343. The Department will absorb all operating costs associated with the work performed by this Coordinator.

Department of Health & Human Services

The Department reports that some additional costs may be incurred, but they would be minimal and could be absorbed by the agency.

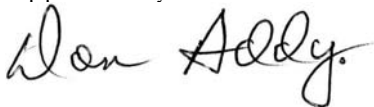
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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